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My dear Sir

Thanks for the "Contributions" just received.

I wonder if that Cucurbita ficifolia (p. 414) is not the Bryonia Cucumbis described by Hernandez (Madrit Ed.) under the name Tzonayotli, "being cucumbis" — to named an account of the fibrous character of its flesh. This species, according to him, was not eaten by the Aztecs. The Chayotli (whence

(Span. Chayote) was the name of Hamburia Mexicana and Sechium edule.

Mr. De Candolle has accepted the Madrid edition of Hernandez and the Aztec dictionary of Molina as Mr. Watson probably have modified his opinion as expressed in Cucurbitaceae.

Truly Yrs.

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